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Now What?

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A Logo We Can Believe In

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We at the Lucre must admit, after the historic presidential election, we felt like nothing could ever go wrong in our fine country, city, or institution of higher learning again.

Havre's water tasted better, KNMC was broadcasting farther than fifteen feet again, and the New Xbox Experience™ was right around the corner... until we started to hear an ill wind regarding Northern's new logo, the ~~Angry Badger~~ Polar Bear.

According to the rumor, over the summer Northern's Director of Relations commissioned an outside acquaintance

to draw an illustration of a polar bear to be used in conjunction with our fine new mascots. The price for this beautiful logo? One Thousand Pesos American.

As soon as this tale of illustrative excess started circulating, we began hearing outraged voices of allegedly artistic students, claiming that they could draw a better polar bear with a hangover and three broken fingers, and would've gladly done it for a t-shirt and a poke in the eye.

Some *socialists* even complained that the University should have held a student contest to create a logo, and divvied that

ill-used 'G' between the three best entries, rather than outsource that money.

"Shut up," is what we say to that! We all know that students aren't capable of creating something as polished and lovely as the ~~Angry Badger~~ Polar Bear logo we have today; they're still learning, and are at least four years and \$50,000 from being able to charge that kind of money for that kind of product.

If anything, this incident should encourage our student body to excel in their classes and strive toward greatness, so that one day, they too can charge exorbitant sums of money for mediocre work. And in the end, is that not the American dream? Sí, se puede. Yes, we can.

Northern's Secret History: Animal Edition

Antimony Obfuscation: Historianne

All this talk of polar bears and badgers puts me in mind of the many creatures that inhabit the lush ecosystem of our fine university. Use this handy guide to identify some the creatures on campus, see if you can find them all!

Richardson's Ground Squirrel

Spermophilus richardsonii

The most abundant resident of Northern, usually referred to (incorrectly) as gophers.

American Badger

Taxidea taxus

Rare, but occasionally sighted in the wild hills between Faculty Housing and Taco John's. About 30" in length, aggressive carnivore, diet consists mostly of ~~gophers~~ ground squirrels. Northern's current mascot {stop saying that, it's a polar bear! -ed}

Eastern Grey Squirrel

Sciurus carolinensis

Not historically native to the Havre area, until an unknown group of locals imported a colony of them several years ago, because they are just so darn cute! Diet consists of seeds, pinecones, and badgers.

Great Horned Owl

Bubo virginianus

There was quite a stir two years ago when a family of these large birds briefly made their home on campus, and could be seen sleeping in pine trees near Cowan and Donaldson.

Gophersnake

Pituophis catenifer

Commonly called Bullsnares, there has been some discussion within the administration about the possibility of releasing more of these snakes on the campus grounds in order to thin the ground squirrel population. Do we so easily forget the Tarantula Crisis?

The Khur Memorial Pond Monster

Rhombopteryx Khuria

A small, aquatic dinosaur alleged to inhabit the Max P. Khur Memorial Pond. Diet

includes birds, pond scum, and unlucky freshmen who think it would be hilarious to "swim" in the shallow pond. It is unknown where the pond monster lives during the eight months of the year that the pond is dry and empty.

Northern Mole-Person

Homo subterranea borealis

A race of humanoid creatures which inhabit the system of underground tunnels running between Cowan Hall, Van deBogart Library, and other campus buildings built in the 1960s. Said to sneak from their underground lairs during the night and wander the campus halls, feeding from vending machines and tidying up classrooms. It is not known to what extent mole-man civilization has developed; some believe that phantom printer babble is in fact mole-man poetry, clearing itself from the printer queue.

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